

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In the latest Office Action, claims 1-25 were subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. With this amendment, new claims 26 and 27 are added.

In making the restriction requirement, the examiner identified two distinct inventions:

- Invention I (including claims 1-17), drawn to a product of an electron-emitting device; and
- Invention II (including claims 18-25), drawn to a method of manufacturing.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute in this application Invention I, which includes claims 1-17.

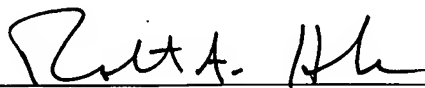
To retain the right to rejoinder of the nonelected process claims, the process claims have been amended to include all of the limitations of at least one of the product claims. When the product claims are found allowable, the process claims will be eligible for rejoinder under MPEP § 821.04(b) ("When all claims to the elected product are in condition for allowance, all process claims eligible for rejoinder must be considered for patentability").

If the examiner believes for any reason direct contact would help advance the prosecution of this case to allowance, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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